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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 29, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for response has been extended up to June 1, 2004 (May 29th being a Saturday and May 31<sup>st</sup> being a holiday) by the one (1) month extension of time included in the attached Amendment Transmittal. Although applicants believe that the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: